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Applicants: Craig Myers, et al.

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For: ANHYDROUS LACTITOL CRYSTALS, A PRODUCT CONTAINING THE SAME AND A PROCESS FOR THE PREPARATION THEREOF

AS WELL AS USE THEREOF

**Assistant Commissioner for Patents** Washington, DC 20231

RESPONSE

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In response to the Office Action dated February 20, 2002, applicants submit PECEIVED
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the following Amendment for entry in the above-identified application.

## IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel Claims 23 and 24 without prejudice.

Please amend Claims 3, 4, 10, 14, 15, and 17 as follows:

3.(Amended) Anhydrous lactitol crystals according to claim 1, characterized in having a melting point of 148-152°C, a water content below 0.5% and a lactitol content of more than 99%.

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